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FOR: Apparatus For Processing Continuously Fed Elongated Material

This new application is a continuation of, and claims the benefit of the filing date of, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/279512, filed October 23, 2002, entitled Apparatus For Processing Continuously Fed Elongated Material, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/458,694, filed on December 13, 1999, entitled Apparatus For Processing Continuously Fed Elongated Material, now abandoned.

Including a copy of the prior application as filed, consisting of:

Declaration

- 1 page Abstract
- 14 Pages of Specification and Claims
- 2 Sheet(s) of informal drawing

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Amendments:

Please replace the cross-reference to related application section with the following:

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